(b) the amount actually allocated in the Tenth Plan so far, State-wise; and

(c) whether the allocation for developing tourism in Tamil Nadu will be increased in view of the tourism potential in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 2900 crore for the schemes of the Ministry of Tourism for the 10th Plan period.

(b) The amount allocated in the 10th Plan so far is as under:

Year	Amount Allocated
2002-03	Rs. 225 crore
2003-04	Rs. 325 crore
2004-05	Rs. 500 crore
2005-06	Rs. 786 crore

(c) The details of tourism projects sanctioned for Tamil Nadu during the 10th Five Year Plan is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No of Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
2002-03	5	559.00	316.10
2003-04	14	1339.82	850.53
2004-05	7	1308.92	705.83
2005-06	6	1294.50	695.40

Assistance to J and K State for promotion of Tourism

2334. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kashmir is witnessing an unprecedented inflow of domestic and foregin tourists this year;

(b) the number of tourists expected to visit Kashmir this year;

(c) the nature of assistance provided to Jammu and Kashmir State to improve the tourism; and

(d) the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has fixed a target of 5 lakh domestic and 30,000 foreign tourist visits to the Kashmir Valley during 2005.

(c) The State Government has been given financial assistance for infrastructure, improvement of Houseboats, hotels shikaras and ponywalas and integrated development of tourist circuits, destinations, etc. Under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan, financial assistance for setting up of tourist villages, setting up of Tourism Development Authorities, establishment of new tourist circuits and assistance to travel agents for marketing in the form of support for sales-cum-study toures etc. besides providing training to tourism industry personnel and developing skills of youth for building their capacities through the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering, Srinagar is being provided.

(d) The State-wise data on foreign exchange earnings from tourism is not maintained.

Setting up of medical centres to attract foreign tourists

2335. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of popularity of Indian medical system resorts and treatment centres among foreign tourists;

(b) whether her Ministry has taken or propose to take up with the Ministry of health and Family Welfare to set up more treatment centres in various parts of the country to boost tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.